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Inquiry launched over arson death

INSPECTORS have condemned Northamptonshire Police's repeated failure to refer the death of pensioner Mavis Clift to an independent police watchdog, and have launched a full "belated" inquiry as a matter of urgency.

Mrs Clift, aged 75, died in a house fire in Washington Street, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, more than two years ago. It had been set alight by Paul Barber, the estranged husband of her daughter Susan.

Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) commissioner Amerdeep Somal said the alleged murder, which followed a campaign of harassment against the family by Barber, should automatically have been referred to the watchdog and confirmed a full investigation would now take place.

She said: "This is a death where there was prior contact with the police and this case should have been mandatorily referred to the IPCC by Northamptonshire Police back in January 2008.

"To make matters worse, the force failed again to refer the case to us when the family made a complaint last year. I am dismayed by this failure to fulfil their statutory duties to refer this case to the IPCC, not once but twice in relation to the same case.

"I have decided that the seriousness of the events and frequency of police contact before the death neces-



Mavis Clift (inset) died after a fire at her home in Washington Street, Kingsthorpe

sitate an independent examination by the IPCC as to whether there are any misconduct issues for individual officers."

Supt Mark Lacey said the force was co-operating with the investigation. He added: "Following the tragic death

of Mrs Clift, Northamptonshire Police did instigate an independent review of our actions by the Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Forum (NOR-DAF). At this time chief officers made a public apology as well as a personal one to Mrs Clift's family about the un-

acceptable service they received prior to her death.

"The improvements we have made in the last two years in how we work with victims of domestic abuse were rated as 'good' by the HMIC in a recent inspection."

Policy on potholes to change

THE head of transport and highways at Northamptonshire County Council has defended plans to take longer to repair potholes.

David Farquhar said the new way of working, if implemented, would see more proactive preventative re-surfacing work on roads in a reasonable condition, to tackle them before they deteriorate to a level which needs emergency intervention.

Potholes would be fixed with semi-permanent repairs within five days, rather than the temporary repairs currently carried out within 24 hours. This would mean more resources being directed away from tackling 'bad' roads to maintaining 'reasonable' ones.

Mr Farquhar said: "I think the reason this hasn't been implemented previously is the 'fear factor'. There is a legal challenge to do with potential claims over leaving reported potholes for a longer time and also, of course, we are in a political environment and sometimes people don't want to be unpopular. This is about bucking the trend, sticking our head above the parapet and being the first to challenge the existing system."

Mr Farquhar said the new way of working would be more cost-effective and focus on quality rather than meeting targets.

He said semi-permanent repairs would mean reported defects were actually present on roads for less time overall, as they would not reoccur and have to be reported again.

He added: "It's going to be challenging and I'm sure people will say: 'Why am I not getting my road done?' but hopefully they'll see what we're doing elsewhere and like it."

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Family to be remembered

THE 10th anniversary of the murders of a Northampton mother and her two children will be marked with a memorial service later this year.

Claire Austin and her children Keiren and Jade were attacked and killed by Claire's husband, Philip, at their home

in Stockmead Road, Standens Barn.

Claire was found by her mother, Carol Quinn, on July 17, 2000, lying on the kitchen floor having been beaten, stabbed and strangled.

Seven-year-old Jade and eight-year-old Keiren had been drugged and strangled in their bedrooms. Their dogs Dandy

and Sooty were also killed.

It is believed the family may have lain dead for a week after they were last seen alive on July 10.

On that date a decade on, a memorial service will take place at St Michael and All Angels Church in Bugbrooke.

Mrs Quinn, aged 61, from Bugbrooke, said: "We want

as many people as possible to come along, including the children at Standens Barn Primary School who were friends with Keiren and Jade but who couldn't come to the funeral at the time. And the day after the memorial service, on the Sunday, we will be holding a charity fun day in Bugbrooke in their memory."



Keiren and Jade Austin who were murdered by their father, Philip (inset)

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Council handed £2m as reward

ALMOST £2 million is to be handed to Northamptonshire County Council by the Government as part of a nationwide project to protect frontline services.

The Government has announced the county council will receive £1,942,421 as part of the Performance Reward Grant scheme, which is designed to reward councils for hitting improvement targets.

The leader of the authority, Councillor Jim Harker (*Con, Kettering Rural*) said the fact the council had been awarded the money proved improvements were being made at County Hall.

He said: "We don't really know exactly what this money will be used for at the moment, but I certainly welcome it and it is clear recognition that the council is improving, and we're very pleased with that."

"But we want to see sustained improvements and investments will be made to make sure that is the case."

He also paid tribute to the council's outgoing chief executive, Katherine Kerswell, who will move on to take the top job at Kent County Council at the end of June.

He said: "This award from the Government really shows that the fruits of all the changes Katherine has



Northamptonshire County Council leader Jim Harker

made at County Hall are now beginning to show."

More than £280 million has been given to almost 90 councils across the country as part of the Performance Reward Grant scheme.

Announcing the extra funding, local government minister Rosie Winterton said the extra money should be used by councils to improve services, despite the current economic climate.

She added: "Strong elected local authorities are key to meeting the challenges we face today. As local leaders, councils know their areas and their unique challenges best and with the continued Government support being made available today they can meet local priorities from care, to libraries, to youth services that matter most to their residents."

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Northampton Borough Council is currently awaiting approval for a bid it submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund, which could see the cash ploughed into restoring facades along the town centre thoroughfare.

The council's portfolio holder for regeneration Richard Church (*Lib Dem, Kingsthorpe*) said the funding would help improve on changes already made in the street.

He said: "We are awaiting the decision of the Heritage Lottery Fund after putting forward the bid. We hope it will be used to restore some

of the lovely old facades above the shops in Gold Street and also help bring the top floors of some of those buildings along Gold Street back into use.

"There are some great features on the buildings along Gold Street but that cannot really be seen at the moment because they have fallen into disrepair. We also want to improve the existing shop frontages as part of the regeneration of the area."

He said the council was expecting a decision from the Heritage Lottery Fund "very shortly".

Meanwhile, work is continuing on the transformation of the Grand Hotel in Gold Street into a new Travelodge. The hotel chain announced in December it was to invest £2.3 million in the historic building, due to re-open this summer.

Councillor Church said: "The redevelopment of the Grand Hotel is also key to the development of the facades, because that is one of the important buildings along Gold Street."

"The investment from Travelodge is a great boost to the area, which will bring jobs and further investment into the town centre."

In 2002, plans were revealed to convert the hotel into a Walkabout Australian theme pub, but the scheme fell through after it was opposed by the council.

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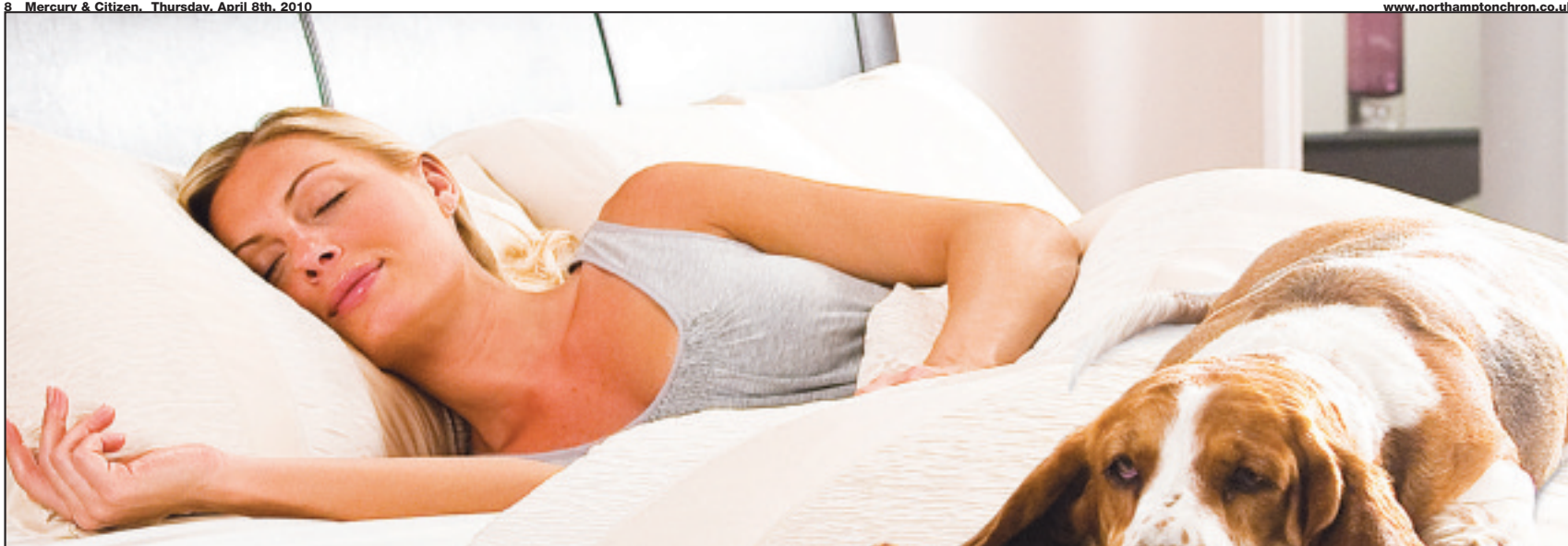
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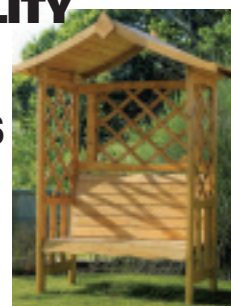


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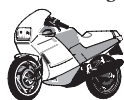
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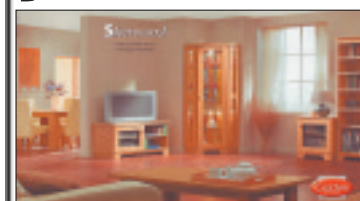
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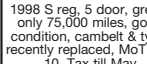
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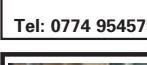
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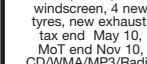


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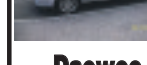
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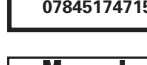


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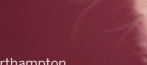
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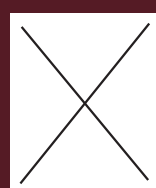
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Jeep and cheerful. . .

JEOP'S press release on its updated entry-level 4x4 turned out to be a little misleading.

"Patriot combines the packaging and interior flexibility of an SUV with the performance, handling, fuel economy and price of a C-segment car," it read. Most of that statement is totally right, but the cost claim is way off the mark. Jeep's base model is the Patriot 2.4-litre petrol Sport, with full-time four-wheel drive that sells for a fiver short of £14,000.

The C-segment standard is the Ford Focus two-wheel drive hatchback that retails for close to £15,000 for a 1.4-litre petrol model. Even Vauxhall's latest bold move to offer a bare-bones base model new Astra, again a 1.4, for £14,000 still leaves the Patriot looking an outright bargain.

This all-American hero has full-time four-wheel drive, estate car space, and far more grunt under the bonnet. It is of similar dimensions to the Focus and Astra, but the Jeep's straight-up shape makes for a roomier interior. It also has a far bigger standard boot and gets more overall load capacity.

If you'd rather compare other sports utility rivals, the Patriot picture only gets better. The market's star, the Nissan Qashqai, costs £500 more for the starter two-wheel drive-only 1.6-litre Visia.

The incredibly harsh winter has since sent many British drivers running for crossover cover. However, money is still tight so the hunt to get more car for your cash is intensifying. Which puts the top-end Patriot in an even more favourable light. The 2.0 diesel Limited is anything up to five grand cheaper than a similarly-equipped crossover rival, and is the one to go for if you can live without slick styling or a flash dashboard.

The Patriot 2.0CRD costs £18,995, does 42.2mpg overall, and there's roughly the same drive sophistication, with the 4x4 system only bringing itself into play when needed.

Full of confidence, the 1968cc engine can tap into 138bhp and utilise the 20cm ground clearance to cross tough terrain and it will make light work of towing a lengthy caravan. Transmission is six-speed manual, and there's no automatic option for this power pack.

Electronic stability, anti-lock all-disc brakes, anti-roll back-up, the latest front and side airbag set-up, and emergency braking assistance are part of the safety furniture for this 117mph five-door estate. Also, the secu-

rity list is equally pleasing. As for specification, it's a full list but not a fussy one. The audio system has just four speakers, for example, even though it comes with a six-disc CD autochanger. You need to buy in the £1,250 sound-navigation

option to get nine speakers and surround-sound. But the seating is leather-trimmed, the glass is part-tinted, front seats are heated, there's cruise control. Also, Jeep hasn't forgotten the little touches, such as a rechargeable

torch and 12-volt power outlet.

And it was heartening to see a full-size spare wheel in place, and not one of those bicycle-style jobs. Which all says that you should not equate the Jeep's bargain price with a

bargain-basement outlook. The Patriot is more of an outstanding best-buy even for those who are not so budget-conscious. And while it may look like a classic, muscular 4x4, everything about it is state-of-the-art.

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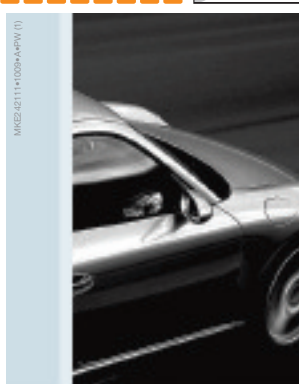
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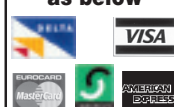


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Sport



READY FOR THE NEW SEASON - Northants Steelbacks modelled their new coloured kit at their annual press day at the County Ground on Tuesday. The County begin their new County Championship campaign tomorrow when they take on Leicestershire at Grace Road.

Bayo in fitness fight

ADEBAYO AKINFENWA'S ankle injury is not as bad as initially suspected - and the Cobblers may have their leading goalscorer available for the visit of Notts County to Sixfields this Saturday (ko 3pm).

The 27-year-old forward limped out of the 0-0 Easter Monday draw with Torquay United after sustaining a blow to his Achilles and a twist to his ankle.

The immediate diagnosis was that Akinfenwa would be out of action for at least a week and possibly more, with manager Ian Sampson stating at the time that it 'didn't look good.'

But the midweek assessment by the club's medical team is that the injury is manageable and that the 16-goal front man could be available for selection for the game against the Magpies at the weekend, a meeting of the two form sides in Coca-Cola League Two.

"The injury to his ankle is not as bad as first feared thankfully," said assistant manager Malcolm Crosby.

"He will undergo treatment this week and he has a chance of being fit to play against Notts County on Saturday.

"We will know more on his chances by Thursday, but obviously we are keeping our fingers crossed and the news is much better than we feared when he first went down.

"Knowing Bayo if there is any possible chance he will be out there and he has shown time and time again he will go through the pain barrier for the club.

"At this stage we are doing all we can and keeping our fingers crossed."

If Akinfenwa isn't given the green light to play by the physiotherapists, Sampson will turn to Steve Guinan, who replaced the big man a third of the way through Monday's Sixfields stalemate with Torquay.

The Cobblers were 2-1 winners at Grimsby Town on Good Friday.

Reihana says Saints ready for Munster

BRUCE REIHANA says Saints will turn up at Munster on Saturday a better side than the one that lost there in the pool clash in January.

Saints go into the mouth-watering Heineken Cup quarter-final clash at Thomond Park (ko 5.30pm) on the back of nine wins in 10 games since that thunderous 12-9 defeat that saw Munster top the pool and

Northampton go through as a runner-up.

Since that defeat, Saints have also won their first domestic cup, by bagging the LV= Cup and after another win on the Guinness Premiership road at Leeds on Saturday, confidence is high going into the clash.

Munster have lost just once at Thomond in 15 years of Heineken Cup rugby, but Reihana says Saints won't

be intimidated after going so close to winning in the pool one decider.

"We have just got that winning edge about us now and we know never to say die," said Reihana.

"It is something we have learned well from last year, we learned a lot of lessons from last year a lot of those close games last year we lost.

"This year we are managing to grind them out and we

know if we keep believing in ourselves and keep putting pressure on eventually a score will come.

"We are creating more than enough opportunities, that is why we back ourselves over 80 minutes."

Reihana knows all about pulling off shock Heineken Cup victories.

He was captain of Saints when they travelled to San Sebastian with no chance of

beating Biarritz, who had defeated them twice in the pool stages. But a tremendous rearguard action and an interception try from Robbie Kydd saw them stun 32,000 Basque fans with a shock 7-6 win.

Reihana said: "That was a huge day and this could be one as well. We know what sort of challenge it will be.

"We will be working extremely hard on our game plan this week."

